

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

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Which meeting did you attend? _____

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- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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I-051-001

Pine Creek & Root Rivers
~~WERE~~ both washed out -
 mud slides all over the place
 Federal Disaster Areas

2 yrs later another heavy rain
 washed out areas where you
 are going. ridge tops maybe
 be questionable.

Road out of La Crosse to
 Hokah closed.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): SELF

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City: La Crosse State: WI Zip Code: 54602

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I-051-001

Your comment has been noted. Access and terrain issues will be assessed at a route level and with individual landowners. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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- I-053-001 | No, the need for the project was not well explained.
- I-053-002 | People need to be educated to CONTINUE to try to conserve energy.
- I-053-003 | High voltage transmission lines are not for our local energy needs.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Representing (Optional): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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I-053-001

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I-053-002

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I-053-003

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- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: Cost to Taxpayers and Lack of real benefits

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Airplane Traffic
ugliness of the huge towers
the hot lines
near Lakeside High School

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

biological ~~data~~ to human life
animals + plants

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-054-001

displays were nice
some info was incomplete - eg
graph that ended at 2004
persons in each area were
accessible & informative

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): _____

Mailing Address: chogan701@charter.net

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone (Optional): _____

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I-054-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-054-003

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- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: UNNECESSARY COST

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I-055-001

SOUTH SIDE OF LA CRESCENT. AESTHETICS, EMF, ENVIRONMENT,
INTERFERENCE WITH COMMUNICATIONS

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, etc. ~~etc.~~) in the Project area and why?

I-055-002

COST OF RUNNING LINES IF/WHEN ~~FEES~~^{USAGE} MAY NOT
INCREASE APPRECIABLY/PROPORTIONALLY.

I-055-001

Your comment has been noted. Interference with electrical equipment caused by the transmission lines will be addressed with individual landowners if the problem arises.

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I-055-002

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-055-003

ADEQUATE EXPLANATION OF SUBJECT MATTER, EXCEPT
FOR PROFIT NEEDS OF UTILITY COMPANIES.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Tom Hogan

Representing (Optional):

Mailing Address: 701 SOUTH 14TH STREET

City: LA CRESCENT State: MN Zip Code: 55947

Daytime Phone (Optional):

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- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-056-001 * Using and developing local sources for energy rather than continuing to prop up and protect the grid.

I-056-003 * Conservation of energy needs to be implemented more aggressively

I-056-004 * Federal \$'s being used to subsidize this project.

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I-056-001

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The Mississippi Wildlife Refuge

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-056-002

It was explained to me but the justification for the project was inadequate.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: *Marilyn Hurt*

Representing (Optional):

Mailing Address: *PO Box 177*

City: *Dakota* State: *MN* Zip Code: *55925*

Daytime Phone (Optional): *507-643-6690*

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I-056-004

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- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-057-003

I do not believe the case was made for the need of this project - the judge ruled incorrectly.

I-057-004

I-057-005

I am very concerned about the impact on the environment, especially bird impacts. These lines ~~will~~ have and the construction will cause unsightly and permanent scars across the bluff country.

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I-057-002

We graze sheep. I am very concerned about stray voltage and EMF on my sheep. I have been in fields under power line where the grass has an electric charge and discharged into grazing animals and anyone walking through the grass in rubber sandals.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-057-001

I am very concerned about the great potential for soil erosion during construction in the bluff country. I have no confidence that the power companies or their construction crews will take adequate measures to control erosion. I have ~~been~~ I have no confidence that USDoT will do an adequate job monitoring ~~the~~ the construction. The construction crews will do ~~not~~ what ever it takes to get the job done and ignore the environmental issues.

I-057-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to geology and soil resources caused by the transmission lines will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-057-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-057-003

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I-057-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-057-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I have no confidence that the power companies were truthful about the need for this project.

I am sure they will continue to distort the facts & in order to obtain the permits.

I think the power company is lying in order to get the permit. Their denials that this power is not headed to Madison ring hollow.

Please tell us how to reach you.

I am already on the mailing list

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: C. S. IREMONGER

Representing (Optional):

Mailing Address: 4002 Wolf Hill Rd

City: La Crosse State: Zip Code:

Daytime Phone (Optional):

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DEMAND FOR POWER

I-058-001

WITH CONSERVATION - ALTERNATIVE SOURCES
OF ENERGY THESE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
POWER SOURCES SHOULD BE DECENTRALIZED
MAKE POWER WHERE IT IS NEEDED

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I-058-001

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I-058-002

THE POWER USED UP TO 2004 IS
MISLEADING ON ONE OF YOUR GRAPHS

IF THE GRAPH WENT TO 2008
I THINK THE DEMAND WOULD BE
GOING DOWN

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: JOHN MAASS

Representing (Optional): _____

Mailing Address: 32352 LANES VALLEY RD

City: LA CRESCENT State: MA 05947 Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone (Optional): _____

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I-059-003

I-059-004

Impact on tourism, Health effects on children, Health effects on livestock. Affect on rural property values. ~~Health~~

I-059-001

Need! Need! Need! Is this additional power truly needed or can we solve it with greater emphasis on conservation and smart-grid technology.

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I-059-002

I do not trust this process, CAPX 2020 representatives do not give complete information. They are intelligent and skilled sales people.
We had 50 neighbors gathered to discuss this at the Wilson Fire Hall two weeks ago. We are all concerned and want this project stopped.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional):

Mailing Address: 2440 County Rd 17

City: Wisconsin State: MN Zip Code: 55987

Daytime Phone (Optional):

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I-059-002

The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, www.capx2020.com.

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I-059-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to recreational resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-059-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-059-005

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-060-002 | Need is not proven.

I-060-003 | Cost is too high on environment, people and

I-060-001 | property.

I-060-001 | Health and safety can not be sacrificed to

I-060-001 | produce power that is not needed.

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I-060-001

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I-060-002

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I-060-003

Your comment has been noted. Cumulative Impacts will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Representing (Optional): _____

City: La Crescent State: MO 55947 Zip Code:

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Which meeting did you attend? La Crosse Am. Legion 6-23-09

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- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

There is a awful lot of bluff lands & valley to build lines up & down.

Very thickly populated with new homes, we already have one big power line, why not run it through thousands of DNR land where no one lives. Who is more important taxpayers or DNR- who lives off the government (hence us)

I-061-001

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I-061-001

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cultural,

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I-061-002

If the power is needed in Illinois, why should it come from SD? That is a costly transportation cost. Build a coal power plant in Illinois to power Chicago. I really don't think I should help pay for there power. I'm sure our costs will go up.

I-061-003

This just isn't right. Let's be fair. Will one be sitting in front of your new home.

I-061-004

I realize it won't come next to my home, but I feel for others. Talk to DNR. ~~For~~ Someone told me tonight that you can't work with them. I believe that ~~the~~ little by little they take individual farmland of whatever they want WHO is the power behind them?

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): _____

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City: Lulac State: MD Zip Code: 55947

Daytime Phone (Optional): _____

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I-061-002

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I-061-003

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I-061-004

Your comment has been noted. The RUS does not have jurisdiction over the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources evaluations, decisions, or content of their processes.

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Which meeting did you attend? LA CRESCENT

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- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

THE ONLY 3 WAYS OF PRODUCING ADDED VALUE
(MAKING MONEY IN THE ECONOMY ARE)
1. MINING AND MANUFACTURING

ELECTRIC ENERGY WILL BE NEEDED FOR ALL
3.

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I-062-001

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

YES

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): _____

Mailing Address: 1567 CTH6

City: LA CRESCENT State: MN 55947 Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone (Optional): 507- 895- 2239

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CapX2020

Delivering electricity you can rely on

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Which meeting did you attend? LA CROSSE, MN.

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- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: a. the technology of this line b. who will pay for it c. lack of wind/alternative energy accommodation d. need - or lack thereof.

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

MR - see other above.

- a. a project of this magnitude (w/ all resources) should be forward-thinking and proactive in its application/design of technology best suited for 21st c. needs and reflecting the best of what we know about clean, safe, renewable energy. ~~conditions~~
- b. "pay" in terms of rates, yes, but also in terms of expenditure: the utility cos. are typically not held responsible for - the environmental cost (of construction, production), impact on real people (quality of life, property value etc.), for example.
- c. where is the forecast? The respect & acknowledgment that energy consumption - and therefore delivery mechanisms - must not continue as they are today? our collective priority & should only be on developing every aspect of clean renewable energy: from production to transmission. This is not that priority.

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I-063-004
I-063-005
I-063-007

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Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I am a stewardship farmer on a ridge-top farm that no longer loses one ounce of soil; that supports ^{grassland} birds and wildlife; that feeds many people in this region while providing wildlife corridors/habitat and aesthetic satisfaction to all who live in the SE.

But let me be clear - this is NOT a case of NIMBY - I do not want ugly, cluttered, inappropriate, mis-represented power lines running through anyone's woods or cropland or prairie or stream.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

- What about stray voltage?
- The phenomenal landscape damage in the fragile topography of the bluffs is something that A.) is hard to mitigate and b.) despite promises, does not historically a priority by corporate entities with no vested interest in anything but it's own bottom line. There are other better lines we should be attending - and requiring CAPX to attend, in their time. Habitat & soil are so.
- But the bigger resource is power usage itself, and whether the power companies themselves have sufficient incentive to do this smarter. I don't see it. I see USDA = tax \$1 payment already + I know who will get other costs passed on = us. And who, on a daily basis, will "pay" for that line? I think you should send this memo back to the main table. We must be aware of what they will

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I-063-003

It's very challenging to believe the need, given it being presented by the people who have their agenda set in their minds. Call it wolves in sheep's clothes but how can I trust these guys - what if they ~~proposed~~ proposed to run this old style of delivery system through their woods - soils? You should pose that to them + then see how creative their solution became.

I-063-001

Where is it really going to go - profit + pleasure? LAX? Chicago?? It is annoying - to add insult to injury - that they make it sound like a done deal when it is not. That's wrong + misleading.

I-063-002

Why coal?? Why the snow job on how alternative energy will be incorporated? Why not look at recent energy use that show a 3-yr trend down in use?

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Thank you

came up with when given no choice.

I-063-001

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I-063-002

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I-063-004

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I-063-005

Your comment has been noted. Information regarding project funding and ownership is described in the RUS accepted documents the Macro Corridor Study and Alternative Evaluation Study, available at:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

The Draft EIS will be available on the RUS website at:

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I-063-006

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I-063-007

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- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-064-004 | ① Need, ② Access to project for wind generation
I-064-005 |
I-064-006 | ③ ~~Minimize~~ Minimize Upper Miss. Refuge impact -
bury the line at crossing and
do not run the line down the area
corridor

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I-064-002

I-064-001

*Upper Mississippi Refuge,
Scenic beauty of the ~~area~~ region
especially along the Great River
Road*

I-064-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-064-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-064-003

This is described as a Minnesota
La Crosse driven project, with no
other purpose. This is not credible.
The need & ultimate purpose/
goals need to be stated. What
other plans does the project
coordinate with?

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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I-064-004

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I-064-005

Your comment has been noted. Due to the transmission grid's interconnected nature as well as to electricity's nature - it's generally difficult to identify a specific source of electricity on the grid. The proposed CapX2020 transmission lines will serve the region's expected growth and help begin to meet Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which requires utilities to deliver 25 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025 (Xcel Energy is mandated to deliver 30 percent by 2020, with 25 percent from wind). Most of that energy comes from wind turbines.

I-064-006

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Which meeting did you attend? Calverville WI

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yes

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): _____

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Which meeting did you attend? Centerville

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- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-066-001

Use common sense - Try to use the shortest distance while utilizing highway rightaway

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I-066-001

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Which meeting did you attend? Centerville (2 meetings)

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- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-067-002 |

Cost — who is going to pay for this

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: Scenic Views

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

N18776 Hwy 93

Scenic hills

Now the powerline right-away is not on my
land but it is close by. I think the Arcadia Route
or Blair route are ridiculous because of the
hills it would have more effect environmentwise.
I believe the best route is to follow
the interstate from Rochester to Lacrosse. 2nd choice
is to follow existing line from Alma, Trempealeau & Lacrosse

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-067-001

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I-067-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Dairyland Power Cooperative, one of the CapX2020 utilities, has requested financial assistance from USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS), for Dairyland's anticipated 11 percent ownership interest in the proposed Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kilovolt transmission line project. RUS has determined that its funding of Dairyland's ownership interest is a federal action and therefore subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). RUS is the lead agency for both NEPA and Section 106 review.

I-067-001

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Which meeting did you attend? Trempealeau Town Meeting / Centerville

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: Cost

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-068-006 | Cost - how will this be paid for? Wouldn't it be better to
I-068-001 | offer more incentives to reduce consumption? What is the
final cost and rate increases?

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I-068-001

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I am already near an existing 161kV line.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-068-005

The Upper Mississippi Wildlife Refuge, Perrot State Park, The Great River State Trail - this is what draws people to Trempealeau. I would like to open a business in the future and am concerned with the size of the current line increasing with a easement that is twice as wide.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-068-002 | No - the need and purpose has not been adequately shown with hard numbers for the new demand. With all the conservation methods demand should be falling overall, with a very minimal population increase. There must be alternatives to move lines.

I-068-003 | Also, what is going to be generating the new power.

I-068-004 | I would be more inclined to support the project if green power was a large percent of the new power.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-068-002

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

I-068-003

Your comment has been noted. Due to the transmission grid's interconnected nature as well as to electricity's nature - it's generally difficult to identify a specific source of electricity on the grid. The proposed CapX2020 transmission lines will serve the region's expected growth and help begin to meet Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which requires utilities to deliver 25 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025 (Xcel Energy is mandated to deliver 30 percent by 2020, with 25 percent from wind). Most of that energy comes from wind turbines.

I-068-004

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I-068-005

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to business

owners affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-068-006

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Dairyland Power Cooperative, one of the CapX2020 utilities, has requested financial assistance from USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS), for Dairyland's anticipated 11 percent ownership interest in the proposed Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kilovolt transmission line project. RUS has determined that its funding of Dairyland's ownership interest is a federal action and therefore subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). RUS is the lead agency for both NEPA and Section 106 review.

I-068-007

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.